

ILLINOIS HEALTH CARE FRAUD ELIMINATION TASK FORCE

Public Meeting Minutes

Friday, March 24, 2017

3:00 P.M. - 4:30 P.M.

The Illinois Health Care Fraud Elimination Task Force met and held a meeting open to the public on March 24, 2017, at 3:00 p.m. at the James R. Thompson Center located at 100 W. Randolph Street, 16th Floor, Suite 504, Chicago, IL 60601. There was a live videoconference feed to the State Capitol Office located at 207 State House, 2nd Floor, Room 205V, Springfield, IL 62706. Individuals also participated via conference call.

The Task Force members in attendance were the Executive Inspector General for the Agencies of the Illinois Governor, Chief Compliance Officer and Deputy General Counsel for the Office of the Governor, Inspector General for the Office of Inspector General for the Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Director for the Department on Aging, Policy Advisor for Healthcare and Human Services and Special Counsel for the Office of the Governor, and Director for the Department of Central Management Services.

I. Chair's welcome

Executive Inspector General (EIG) Maggie Hickey, chair of the Task Force, welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave members of the Task Force the opportunity to introduce themselves.

The minutes from the December 15, 2016, public meeting had previously been circulated to the Task Force via email. The Task Force members adopted the minutes.

II. Update regarding Task Force activities

Chair EIG Hickey discussed the In-Home Care working group and its assessment of both short and long term goals. Chair EIG Hickey discussed the progress of the Medicaid Working Group. Chair EIG Hickey also emphasized the benefit of Task Force members' agencies working together and sharing information.

III. Worker safety presentation

Chair EIG Maggie introduced Dave Taylor. Mr. Taylor is a member of the Self-Insurance Advisory Board. Mr. Taylor recommended and discussed return-to-work programs. Mr. Taylor discussed the importance of ensuring that employees who are injured on the job receive quality medical care and treatment so they may eventually return to work. Mr. Taylor also recommended that employers develop a centralized approach to manage injured employees, set high goals (no injured employees), communicate with injured employees, engineer safety where possible, and award safety behavior.

IV. Panel presentation of State agency initiatives

Representatives from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services, Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology, Illinois Department of Central Management Services, and Illinois Department on Aging each discussed initiatives their agency is taking to “develop and coordinate a comprehensive effort to prevent and eliminate health care fraud, waste, and abuse in State-administered health care programs using a cross-agency, data-driven approach.”

The Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services discussed the 1115 waiver, and also said that a Request for Proposal was released to improve quality in Medicaid programs. The Illinois Department of Innovation and Technology discussed initiatives to integrate the State’s data and to use data to predict patterns. The Illinois Department of Central Management Services discussed eligibility for benefits and its audit of ineligible dependents that led to millions in savings to the State. The Illinois Department on Aging discussed increasing the number of employees that conduct quality improvement reviews, and its focus on addressing fraud in in-home care programs.

V. Task Force questions & answers

A question was asked regarding the Department of Healthcare and Family Services initiative to integrate behavioral and physical health into one approach. There was a short discussion regarding how this initiative was focused on the health programs specific to the Department of Healthcare and Family Services.

VI. Public comments and Questions

The public attendees did not have any questions or comments. Chair EIG Hickey thanked everyone for their participation. Chair EIG Maggie adjourned the meeting.